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SUBJECT: IMF/WORLD BANK ANNUAL MEETING: GOB REQUEST FOR MEETING  
WITH AID ADMINISTRATOR

REF: STATE 203590

1. GOB DELEGATION TO ANNUAL WORLD BANK/IMF MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25-28 WILL BE HEADED BY VICE PRESIDENT Q.K.J.  
MASIRE (WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT  
PLANNING). MASIRE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MFDP PERMANENT  
SECRETARY B. GAOLATHE AND DIRECTOR FOR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS  
B.I. GASENNELWE. PARTY WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER  
22 AND DEPART OCTOBER 1.

2. DURING SEPTEMBER 11 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, GASENNELWE  
TOLD US THAT V.P. MASIRE WOULD LIKE TO PAY COURTESY CALL  
ON AID ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN. ACCORDING TO GASENNELWE,  
V.P. WOULD EXPRESS TO GILLIGAN GOB'S SATISFACTION WITH  
AID PROGRAM IN BOTSWANA AND WOULD HAVE NO OUTSTANDING  
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES TO RAISE. IN PARTICULAR, GASENNELWE  
SAID MASIRE WANTS TO CONVEY TO GILLIGAN GOB'S APPRECIATION  
FOR 9 MILLION DOLLAR PROGRAM GRANT WHICH RESPONDED TO  
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BOTSWANA'S PRIORITY CONCERNS IN PARTICULARLY TIMELY  
AND FLEXIBLE MANNER.

3. WITH REGARD TO WORLD BANK/IMF MEETING, GASENNELWE  
SAID GOB EXPECTS TO RAISE FOLLOWING ISSUES:  
--A. GOB WILL ASK THAT IMF REVIEW ITS CURRENT 9  
MILLION DOLLAR SDR QUOTA FOR BOTSWANA. ACCORDING

TO GASENNELWE, GOB BELIEVES ITS SDR QUOTA IS UNNECES-  
SARILY LOW BECAUSE OF HISTORICAL REASONS WHICH ARE  
NO LONGER VALID IN VIEW OF SIGNIFICANT INCREASE  
IN BOTSWANA'S EXPORTS IN RECENT YEARS. GASENNELWE  
SAID GOB BELIEVES THAT, USING IMF'S FORMULA FOR COM-  
PUTING SDR QUOTA, BOTSWANA'S QUOTA SHOULD BE RAISED  
TO 37 MILLION SDRS.

--B. WITH IBRD, GOB WILL NOTE THAT, DESPITE SHARPLY  
FLUCTUATING RECENT EXCHANGE RATES, WORLD BANK CONTINUES  
TO MAKE LOANS TO BOTSWANA AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
IN CURRENCIES SUCH AS THE GERMAN MARK AND JAPANESE  
YEN WHICH TEND TO APPRECIATE IN RELATION TO OTHER  
CURRENCIES. SINCE BOTSWANA IS REQUIRED TO REPAY IN  
THESE CURRENCIES, DEBT BURDEN COULD, OVER TIME, BE-  
COME UNBEARABLE. GOB WILL ASK THAT BANKS CONSIDER  
USING OTHER CURRENCIES IN MAKING ITS LOANS.

--C. GOB DELEGATION WILL ALSO UNDERTAKE ROUTINE  
REVIEW OF ITS ONGOING AND PROPOSED WORLD BANK  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, GASENNELWE  
SAID BOTSWANA WILL RESIST IBRD EFFORTS TO SET UP  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN BOTSWANA SINCE LEVEL  
OF DONOR ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA IS ALREADY SUF-  
FICIENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS  
REQUEST BY GOB DELEGATION FOR COURT-  
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ESY CALL ON AID DIRECTOR GILLIGAN AND WOULD APPRE-  
CIATE KNOWING WHETHER APPOINTMENT IS POSSIBLE SOME  
TIME DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25-29. OUR IMPRESSION  
IS THAT SCHEDULE OF GOB DELEGATION IS FLEXIBLE  
ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE APPOINTMENT WHENEVER GILLIGAN  
WOULD BE AVAILABLE. SINCE GOB DELEGATION DEPARTS  
BOTSWANA SEPTEMBER 13, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE  
AT LEAST PRELIMINARY RESPONSE BY COB SEPTEMBER 12,  
WASHINGTON TIME.  
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